

## Message Text

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SECUSAF FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHRONTZ

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, BE  
SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT

1. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO US TO HAVE A SHORT AUTHORITATIVE  
USG STATEMENT IN LAYMEN'S LANGUAGE EXPLAINING PRECISELY  
WHY AND HOW THE USAF SELECTED THE F-16 OVER THE F-17,  
SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD HELP US LAY TO REST A LOCAL CANARD  
TO THE EFFECT THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE US  
ENTERED INTO THIS DECISION. TO BE EFFECTIVE, SUCH A  
STATEMENT SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO US ASAP.

2. WHEN WE RAISED POSSIBILITY OF GENERAL DYNAMICS  
ORGANIZING A TRIP TO THE US AT GD EXPENSE FOR SELECTED  
JOURNALISTS, LOCAL GD REPS TOLD US THEY HAD  
RECOMMENDED SUCH TO THEIR HOME OFFICE FOR PRESS FROM  
ALL CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES. WE SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE  
FULLY AS FAR AS BELGIAN PRESS MIGHT BE INVOLVED (POSSIBLY  
SIX). RENNER

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